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U.S. CHARGES BRONX BODYBUILDER WITH ANABOLIC STEROID DISTRIBUTION

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and JOHN P. GILBRIDE, the Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's ("DEA") New York Office, announced the filing of an Information charging GILBERTO MUNDO, of the Bronx, New York, with illegally distributing anabolic steroids in the Bronx.

According to the criminal Complaint filed previously and the Information filed yesterday in Manhattan federal court, in December 2004 MUNDO arranged to meet and sell a large amount of steroids to an individual in the Bronx. Law enforcement agents of the Drug Enforcement Agency ("DEA") intervened, obtained a search warrant for MUNDO's residence, and discovered a large quantity of anabolic steroids and human growth hormone allegedly intended for distribution therein.

The defendant is charged in the Information with

distributing, and possessing with the intent to distribute, anabolic steroids. If convicted, the defendant faces 5 years' imprisonment, 3 years' supervised release (including a mandatory term of 2 years' supervised release), a \$250,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment. The Information also seeks forfeiture of any proceeds MUNDO obtained directly or indirectly as a result of his illegal steroid dealing, and any and all property used in any manner to commit and to facilitate the commission of the crime.

Mr. KELLEY praised the efforts of the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force in this case and said that the investigation is continuing.

Assistant United States Attorney DAVID LEIBOWITZ is in charge of the prosecution.

The charge contained in the Information is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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